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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Horticulture Board (NHB) has been implementing several schemes/projects all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of such schemes/projects implemented by NHB in Gujarat during the last three years; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during the said period and the present status of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing the following schemes through National Horticulture Board (NHB) throughout the country including Gujarat:-

(i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management.

(ii) Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce.

(iii) Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture.

The details of the above schemes are given in Annexure-I.

(c): The details of projects sanctioned and the financial assistance provided under the above schemes during the last three years in the State of Gujarat are given in Annexure-II.

(d): The Schemes are continuing during the current year, 2004-05, throughout the country. The schemes are entrepreneur driven. No State-wise funds are allocated under the schemes, however, Scheme-wise budgetary allocation for the current year is as under:-

Name of the scheme	Budgetary allocation (Rs. in crores)
Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management	35.00
Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce	40.00
Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture.	06.00

I. Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management.

Name of the Scheme/Project Components Pattern of Assistance

- i) Production Related
- ii) PHM/ Processing related

- ? High quality commercial horticulture crops
- ? Indigenous crops/produce, herbs
- ? Aromatic & Medicinal Plants
- ? Seed & Nursery
- ? Biotechnology, Tissue Culture
- ? Bio-pesticides
- ? Organic Foods
- ? Primary processing of products
- ? Estt. Of Hort. Health Clinics/ Laboratory (For Agriculture/ Horticulture unemployed graduates)
- ? Consultancy Services
- ? Bee-keeping.
- ? Grading/Washing/Sorting/Drying/ Packing centers
- ? Pre-cooling Unit/Cool Stores
- ? Refer Van/Containers
- ? Sp.Transport Vehicle
- ? Retail Outlets
- ? Auction Platform
- ? Ripening curing chamber
- ? Market yard/rope ways
- ? Processing unit/ Radiation unit/VHT unit
- ? Hort. Ancillary industry e.g. tools, equipment, plastics, packaging etc.
- ? Crates, Cartons, Aseptic Packaging& Nets (50% subsidy)
- ? Back-ended capital subsidy not exceeding 20% of the project cost with a maximum limit of Rs 25 lakh per project. For the North-Eastern/ Tribal/Hilly Areas, maximum limit of subsidy would be Rs 30.00 lakh per project

II. Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce

Components

Cold Storages including Controlled Atmosphere (CA) and Modified Atmosphere (MA) Stores, pre-cooling units and other Storages for onions, etc.

Pattern of Assistance

Under the Scheme back-ended Capital Investment Subsidy is provided to the eligible organisations @ 25 % of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost upto a ceiling of Rs. 60.00 lakh per project for North Eastern States.

III. Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture

- ? Introduction of New Technologies
- ? Visit of progressive farmers
- ? Experts Services from India/ Abroad
- ? Technology Awareness
- ? Organisation/participation in seminars etc.
- ? Udyan Pandit
- ? Publicity
- ? Observation-cum-study tours abroad
- ? Honorarium to Scientists for effective transfer of technology. 100% financial assistance upto Rs 10 lacs/project for production related and Rs.25.00 lakh to R&D efforts
- ? 2nd Class Sleeper Rail/ ordinary bus fare and Rs 100/day/farmer for a group of 30 farmers
- ? Actual basis

- ? Upto Rs 50,000/seminar
- ? Upto Rs 3.00 lakh for State, Rs 5.00 lakh for National and Rs 10.00 lakhs International event
- ? Rs 1.50 lakh
- ? On merit
- ? On actual basis
- ? Upto Rs 20,000/- for each expert upto 5 experts/project

Eligible Organizations

The eligible promoters under the above schemes shall include NGO's, Association of Growers, Individuals, Partnership/Proprietary Firms Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards/ Committees, Municipal Corporations/ Committees, Agro-Industries Corporations, SAU's and other concerned R&D organizations. Individuals, SAUs and other concerned R&D organisations are not eligible for the cold storage capital subsidy scheme. However, 'individuals' are included as eligible organizations for onion storages only in those cases where bank/FI financing is involved.

Annexure-II

Details of schemes implemented and financial assistance sanctioned during the last three years from 2001-02 to 2003-04 in the State of Gujarat

i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of Projects	Eligible subsidy sanctioned
2001-02 to 2003-04	222	938.00

ii) Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce (NABARD/NCDC/NHB)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of Projects	Capacity (MT)	Eligible subsidy sanctioned
2001-02 to 2003-04	173	148402	1261.6

iii) Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of Projects	Eligible subsidy sanctioned
2001-02 to 2003-04	9	11.54